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## CAMPAIGN FINANCE DIVISION

☒ WAIVER REQUEST

☐ RECONSIDERATION REQUEST

DATE: 6/25/2021

DOCKET #:

### FILER INFORMATION

Name: Gerald Watley

Office: City Marshal, City Court, City of Eunice

Parish: ACADIA & ST. LANDRY

Election Date: 11/3/2020

Level of Office: District

620 Nimitz St.  
Eunice, LA  
70535-5648

### REPORT INFORMATION

Name of Report: 10-G

Original Due Date: 11/25/2020

Date Filed: not filed yet electronically, paper filed no activity

Activity Receipts: \$0

Expenditures: \$0

Funds at Close of Reporting Period: \$0

### LATE FEE INFORMATION

Amount of Late Fee: \$2,000

Days Late: not properly filed yet

Late Fee Order Received: 3/6/2021

Payment/Waiver Request Due Date: 3/26/2021

Waiver Request Received: 3/26/2021

Additional Information Requested:

- Medical
- Financial
- Other

COMMENTS: Candidate faxed in his waiver request and stated that he was not in the runoff for the seat, he said he was not required to file this report. He asks that we correct the late fee.

### OTHER LATE FEE INFORMATION

Campaign Finance:

Other Outstanding Reports: No

Other Outstanding Late Fees: YES

Prior Late Fees: YES

Reassessed Late Fees: No

Disclosure Statements:

Other Outstanding Late Fees: YES

Prior Late Fees: No

**Ethics Adjudicatory Board**

My name is Gerald Watley and I was a candidate for Eunice City Marshal District 6, In the November 3<sup>rd</sup> election, I was not in the runoff for the seat but filed a report the wrong report, that I was not required to file. Please look in to this matter of improperly filed report an correct the late fee.

Thanks, Gerald Watley

ATTN:  
Melissa Horn

3/12/2021

Louisiana Ethics Administration Program: Campaign Finance Portal

## Electronically Filed Reports for Candidate: Gerald Watley

<u>Document Filed</u>	<u>Election Date</u>	<u>Report Number</u>	<u>From Date</u>	<u>To Date</u>	<u>Filed Date</u>
F104 (EDAY)	12/5/2020	LA-93571 (pdf) (20009749)			12/5/2020
F104 (EDAY)	11/3/2020	LA-92319 (pdf) (20008457)			11/5/2020
F102 (10P)	11/3/2020	LA-90948 (pdf) (20006947)	10/6/2020	10/14/2020	10/15/2020
F102 (30P)	11/3/2020	LA-90947 (pdf) (20006946)	9/24/2020	10/5/2020	10/15/2020

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**STATE OF LOUISIANA LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS**  
**acting in its capacity as the**  
**SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE ON CAMPAIGN FINANCE DISCLOSURE**

**In Re: Gerald Watley / November 3, 2020 Election**

**LATE FEE ASSESSMENT ORDER**

**WHEREAS**, Gerald Watley, in his capacity as a candidate for City Marshal, City Court, City of Eunice in the November 3, 2020 election was a district level candidate and required to file campaign finance reports pursuant to La. R.S. 18:1484.

**WHEREAS**, La. R.S. 18:1505.1 provides that it is a violation of the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act to fail to timely file campaign finance reports.

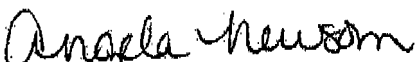
**WHEREAS**, in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1495.4B(5), Gerald Watley was required to file a 10th Day Prior to General Report (10-G) by November 25, 2020. To date, the 10-G campaign finance disclosure report has not been filed, which automatically imposes the maximum penalty to be assessed for each report that is delinquent.

**WHEREAS**, La. R.S. 18:1505.4A(2)(a)(ii) provides that an automatic late fee of \$60 per day (not to exceed \$2,000) be assessed against Gerald Watley for each day the report is not timely filed.

**ACCORDINGLY, IT IS ORDERED** that a late fee of \$2,000 is assessed against Gerald Watley for failure to timely file the 10-G campaign finance disclosure report.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Gerald Watley file a 10-G campaign finance disclosure report for the November 3, 2020 election, within 20 days of receipt of this order.

**ORDER** signed on the 4th day of March 2021 at Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

  
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Angela Newsom, Director  
Campaign Finance & Lobbying Division



STATE OF LOUISIANA  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE CIVIL SERVICE  
**LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS**

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(225) 219-5800  
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1-800-842-6630  
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March 4, 2021

Gerald Watley  
620 Nimitz St.  
Eunice, LA 70535-5648

**CERTIFIED MAIL**

**NO. 70200090000057841058**

**RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

RE: Late fee assessment for the November 3, 2020 Election  
10-G Campaign Finance Disclosure Report

Dear Gerald Watley:

Enclosed is an assessment of a late fee pursuant to La R.S. 18:1505.4 and La. R.S. 18:1511.4.1. Please submit a check or money order in the amount of \$2,000 payable to the Treasurer of the State of Louisiana to P.O. Box 4368, Baton Rouge, LA 70821. Please note that late fees can only be paid by the candidate or by his campaign.

Also, in addition to payment of the late fee, you are required to file your 10-G campaign finance disclosure report within 20 days of receipt of the enclosed order. If you do not file the report, this matter will be referred to the Ethics Board for further action pursuant to La. R.S. 18:1505.4(A)(4), which allows for an assessment of an additional \$10,000 penalty after a hearing before the Ethics Adjudicatory Board.

With respect to the late fee assessed, you have 20 days from receipt of this letter to pay the late fee or to dispute the assessment by electing to do either or both of the following:

1. You may submit your request for a waiver to the attention of the Louisiana Board of Ethics.

Waivers are handled by the Ethics Board. The Board of Ethics may reduce, suspend, or decline to waive a late fee assessment based on the cause shown by the person, candidate, or political committee. If you submit a request for a waiver of the late fee to the Board of Ethics, your request should contain details as to why, in your opinion, you have good cause why your report was not timely filed. Also, if you would like to appear before the Board of Ethics in connection with your request, you should state that in your letter. The request should be submitted to the attention of the Board of Ethics at the following address: P. O. Box 4368, Baton Rouge, LA 70821 or fax at (225) 381-7271.

2. You may appeal the assessment directly to the Ethics Adjudicatory Board (EAB).

Appeals to the EAB are proceedings before a three judge panel of administrative law judges. The determination is made regarding whether the person, candidate, or political committee was required to file the report and whether the report was filed late. Mitigating factors are not considered during an EAB proceeding. The EAB does not have the authority to reduce, suspend, or waive a late fee assessment. If you choose to appeal the assessment to the EAB, you should submit your request for an appeal to the attention of the Executive Secretary of the Louisiana Board of Ethics at P. O. Box 4368, Baton Rouge, LA 70821 or fax at (225) 381-7271.

If you do not pay or dispute the assessment of the late fee within 20 days from the receipt of this letter, the matter will be forwarded to the Attorney General's Office to pursue collection. If the matter is forwarded to the Attorney General's Office for collection, you may be responsible for all additional costs incurred. Additionally, late fees not paid by the due date will be posted on the agency website.

*You should be aware that unpaid campaign finance fines, fees or penalties may have an adverse effect on your ability to run for public office in the future, as the Board of Ethics will object to your future qualifications for candidacy for public office pursuant to La. R.S. 18:491 and R.S. 18:492.*

Sincerely,

LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS

*Melissa Horn*

Melissa Horn

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## Eunice Public Library

222 South Second Street

Eunice, LA 70535

Phone :466-7077

Fax: 466-7077

### Fax Transmittal Sheet

Fax # 285-381-7271

To: Louisiana Board of Ethics

From: Gerald Watley

Date: 3/26/21

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March 31, 2021

Gerald Watley  
620 Nimitz St.  
Eunice, LA 70535-5648

**RE: Ethics Board Docket No.: 2021**

Dear Gerald Watley:

You recently requested a waiver of the late fee assessed against you for filing your campaign finance disclosure report late in connection with the November 3, 2020 election. You were required to file the 10-G because the dates of activity cover time period before the run-off election (see attached schedule). In order for the Board to consider your request for a waiver you must file the 10-G report regardless if you had any contributions or expenditures. Enclosed is the form to file the required report.

Once you have filed the reports, your waiver request may be considered by the Board of Ethics.

If you need assistance, you may contact the Campaign Finance Office at (800) 842-6630 or (225) 219-5600.

Please submit the documentation to the above address by **May 5, 2021**.

Sincerely,

**Melissa Horn**



**SCHEDULE OF REPORTING AND FILING DATES  
FOR CANDIDATES & PACS SUPPORTING OR OPPOSING CANDIDATES  
PRIMARY ELECTION – November 3, 2020  
GENERAL ELECTION – December 5, 2020**

NO.	REPORT TYPE	REPORT COVERS PERIOD FROM:	REPORT COVERS PERIOD THROUGH:	REPORT DUE BY*	FILED BY:
1.	180 <sup>th</sup> day prior to primary (180-P)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• if 2019 annual report filed † – January 1, 2020</li> <li>• if first report - date of first contribution/ expenditure</li> </ul>	April 27, 2020	May 26, 2020**	major office candidates & PACs supporting or opposing only
2.	90 <sup>th</sup> day prior to primary (90-P)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• if 2019 annual report filed † – January 1, 2020</li> <li>• if first report - date of first contribution/ expenditure</li> <li>• if 180-P filed – April 28, 2020</li> </ul>	July 26, 2020	August 5, 2020	major office candidates & PACs supporting or opposing only
3.	30 <sup>th</sup> day prior to primary (30-P)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• if 2019 annual report filed † – January 1, 2020</li> <li>• if first report - date of first contribution/ expenditure</li> <li>• if 90-P filed – July 27, 2020</li> </ul>	September 24, 2020	October 5, 2020	all candidates & PACs supporting or opposing in the primary election
4.	10 <sup>th</sup> day prior to primary (10-P)	September 25, 2020	October 14, 2020	October 26, 2020	all candidates & PACs supporting or opposing in the primary election
5.	Special (48 hour) report (s)	October 15, 2020	November 3, 2020	within 48 hours of transaction	candidates & PACs supporting or opposing having certain transactions (see over)
6.	Election Day Expenditures	See instructions on reverse side	November 3, 2020	November 13, 2020	all candidates & PACs supporting or opposing in the primary election
7.	Special (48 hour) report (s)	November 16, 2020	December 5, 2020	within 48 hours of transaction	candidates & PACs supporting or opposing having certain transactions (see over)
8.	Election Day Expenditures	See instructions on reverse side	December 5, 2020	December 15, 2020	all candidates & PACs supporting or opposing in the general election
9.	40 <sup>th</sup> day after general (40-G)	November 16, 2020	January 4, 2021	January 14, 2021	all candidates & PACs supporting or opposing in the general election
10.	Supplemental & Annual	November 16, 2020, if not in general January 5, 2021, in general	December 31, 2020 December 31, 2021	February 17, 2021 February 15, 2022	candidates & PACs supporting or opposing with outstanding debts or loans or having additional contributions or expenditures

\* Date received either physically or electronically, by facsimile or e-mail, in the office of the supervisory committee or date of postmark or date received on a return receipt, requested from the United States Post Office or receipt or invoice from commercial delivery service. Law requires that candidates for "major offices" and "district offices" file campaign finance reports electronically.

\*\* Given the Governor's proclamation 52 BE 2020, the 180-P report due date has been extended from May 7, 2020 to May 26, 2020.

† An annual report is due by February 18, 2020, if contributions received or expenditures made in 2019.

Revised 5/4/2020

# CANDIDATE'S REPORT

(to be filed by a candidate or his principal campaign committee)

## OFFICE USE ONLY

1. Qualifying Name and Address of Candidate

2. Office Sought (Include title of office as well as parish, city, town and/or election district.)

3. Date of  
Primary

This report covers from 10-15-20 through 11-15-20

4. Type of Report:

☐ 180th day prior to primary ☐ 40th day after general  
☐ 90th day prior to primary ☐ Annual (future election)  
☐ 30th day prior to primary ☐ Supplemental (past election)  
☐ 10th day prior to primary  
☐ 10th day prior to general ☐ Amendment to prior report

5. FINAL REPORT if:

☐ Withdrawn ☐ Filed after the election AND all loans and debts paid  
AND no surplus funds remaining  
☐ Unopposed

6. Name and Address of Financial Institution  
(You are required by law to use one or more banks, savings and loan associations, or money market mutual fund as the depository of all campaign funds.)

7. Full Name and Address of Treasurer

9. Name of Person Preparing Report

Daytime Telephone

10. WE HEREBY CERTIFY that the information contained in this report and the attached schedules is true and correct to the best of our knowledge, information and belief, and that no expenditures have been made nor contributions received that have not been reported herein, and that no information required to be reported by the Louisiana Campaign Finance Disclosure Act has been deliberately omitted.

This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

Signature of Candidate/Chairperson  
(To be signed by Chairperson *only* if report by principal campaign committee)

Daytime Telephone

Signature of Treasurer

Daytime Telephone

8. FOR PRINCIPAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEES ONLY  
a. Name and address of principal campaign committee, committee's chairperson, and subsidiary committees, if any (use additional sheets if necessary).